

Pursuant to remarks contained in the Governor's message and by direction of Mr. Speaker Taylor, the Report of the Commission to Study the statutes relating to visiting speakers at state-supported educational institutions is ordered spread on the Journal.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATUTES RELATING TO VISITING SPEAKERS AT STATE-SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

*"To His Excellency, Dan K. Moore, Governor of North Carolina:*

This report is made to you pursuant to Resolution Number 85 of the 1965 Session of the General Assembly entitled 'A Joint Resolution creating a Commission to study the statutes relating to visiting speakers at state-supported educational institutions'.

The Commission authorized by this resolution consists of nine members appointed as follows: Five members appointed by you, namely, Representatives David M. Britt, Reverend Ben C. Fisher, William T. Joyner, Charles F. Myers and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Swindell; two members appointed by the President of the Senate, namely, Senator Gordon Hanes and Senator J. Russell Kirby; and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House, namely, Representative Lacy H. Thornburg and Representative A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr. Pursuant to your designation, Representative David M. Britt served as chairman.

The first meeting of the Commission was held in Raleigh in the Legislative Building on July 14, 1965, with all members present. Mrs. Swindell was elected by the Commission to serve as secretary and Mrs. P. E. Howell of Raleigh was employed to render clerical services to the Commission.

At the initial meeting the members became acquainted with duties provided in the resolution and discussed various ways of approaching the work. It was unanimously decided that public hearings should be scheduled, at which all of the state-supported educational institutions affected by the law, accrediting agencies, and other interested parties and organizations would be provided an opportunity to be heard.

Public hearings were held on August 11 and 12, 1965, and September 8 and 9, 1965, in the auditorium of the Legislative Building. They were well attended and given extensive coverage by newspapers, radio, and television. The transcript of the testimony and other documents considered by the Commission are filed with this report.

Under the provisions of the resolution the Commission was charged with the duty of making a careful, full and detailed study of General Statutes 116-199 and General Statutes 116-200 (Chapter 1207 of the 1963 Session Laws) relating to visiting speakers at state-supported educational institutions of higher learning, with respect particularly to the following:

1. The enforcement of the statutes;

2. The relationship, if any, between these statutes and the accreditation of state-supported institutions by accreditation organizations and associations;